

# *Home and School Association*

## *Meeting Minutes*

*August 11, 2016 – 7:00 pm*

**Attendance:** Aimée Bergan, Becky Lane, Amy Schroff, Christine Sadler, Jen Duffy, Yvette Pelican, Cheryl Brown, Stephanie Mathany, Jill Wittgen, Jennifer Hulsen, Kris Sluhan, Kelly Schnitzmeier, Erin Killion, Emily McAtee, Elizabeth Otto, Jill Right, Tom, Albus, Lisa Henry, Dedra Karpen, Sarah Buehring, Donna Schnieders, Emily Schoemehl, Jennifer Grimmer, Katie Wedding

**Meeting called to order at 7:05pm**

**Opening Prayer** – Aimée Bergan

**Approval of minutes** – (1<sup>st</sup> – Katie Wedding, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kris Sluhan, Approved)

**Treasurer's Report** – Donna Schneiders will be meeting with Ellen and Suzanne again next week to finalize 2015-2016 numbers and doing the Budget for 2016-2017. They will send it out before the next meeting and discuss at the September meeting.

- **Funding Requests**

1. Mrs. McCabe – last week 20 teachers attended a “Google Mania” workshop and the school asked that Home and School Association pay for half the cost of the workshop (\$1031.33) – 1<sup>st</sup> – Kris Sluhan, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jen Duffy, Approved
2. Mrs. McDermott – computer speakers (\$25) – Approved
3. Mrs. McDermott – wireless printer/scanner for Middle School/3<sup>rd</sup> floor teachers (\$200) – 1<sup>st</sup> – Sara Buehring, 2<sup>nd</sup> Katie Wedding, Approved
4. Mrs. McDermott – curtains, extra seating, floor pillows, and other items to spruce up the Middle School Lounge (\$300) – 1<sup>st</sup> – Aimée Bergan, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tom Albus, Approved
5. Becky Lane – Aquinas Institute Oct. 23 Award Dinner for Fr. John's Preacher Award (\$1000 for table of 10 + \$400 full page ad in the program) – Approved
6. Becky Lane – supplies for St. Vincent de Paul Home for Children backpack (\$100 Walmart scrip, Suzanne Moore will pick up items) – 1<sup>st</sup> – Tom Albus, Approved
7. Becky Lane – SVDP Societies of MQP, HR, and Annunciation are holding a Walk for the Poor on 9/24 at Nerinx (sponsorship up to \$500) – 1<sup>st</sup> – Jill Wittgen, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jen Duffy, Approved
8. Jennifer Hulsen will look into ad in St. Louis Review for “Congrats Fr. John!”

**Introductions of all Present**

## Principal's Report – Amy Schroff

- All grades/classes starting on Weds.
- Technology Committee will be meeting soon to discuss 5 bids for wi-fi, need new server, have 2 comprehensive bids, 2 partial bids, and 1 pending; leading bid includes 37 wi-fi hot spots (some movable), new server, and contract for support
- Class lists available Friday afternoon
- Calendar – if you have anything H&SA related that needs to be added, let her know ASAP
- Enrollment – 393, including pre-school (409 last year)

## New Business –

- Buddy Families – Kelly Schnitzmeier
  - Pizza party for new families tomorrow night – 19 new families, about 100 people, cafeteria as back-up, going to give away MQP stickers and/or koozies to new families
  - Signs ready for delivery on Sunday
  - Thanks to everyone for help – we are party of a great community!
- Buzz Book – Kathy Bauer (reported by Becky Lane)
  - Handbook (policies and procedures) will be handed out at Ice Cream Social
  - Directory/Class Lists in separate part mid-September
- Ice Cream Social – Christine Sadler
  - Ice cream delivered and paid for
  - Setting up tomorrow – 10 tables with signs
- Volunteers – Denise Watkins and Jill Wittgen
  - Editing Sign-up Genius for 2016-2017
  - August 28 pm sign-up
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- Magazine Drive – Lisa Henry
  - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – raised about \$350,000 total for MQP in 25 years
  - New this year – Tuition Rewards Program – earn points by selling magazines
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- Bratfest – Danielle Emert and Jennifer Hulsen
  - Most same as last year: food, ponies, 3pm mass, Kids' Korner
  - Looking for Sam's shopping list – Donna has
  - Blessing before meal and blessing for parish's 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary

- NEW: signature cocktail, beefing up 50/50 raffle, parishioner (Jim Kelly and friends) band, Encore Performances from “Time to Shine”, gym for simple games for kids to play, perhaps an ice cream eating contest
- Prices about same, advanced ticket sales = free drink
- Trunk or Treat – Yvette Pelikan
  - October 28
  - Raising price to \$20/family (drive or walk-up)
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- Auction 2016 – Kristen Figge
  - We need sponsors. Letters went out to 65 past/new sponsors. They cover cost of expenses, and help us raise more money.
  - Spiritwear for auction – looking at stadium blankets, baseball hat, dri-fit polos, MQP belt, glitter tee
  - 1 raffle
  - Looking for auctioneer
  - Fund a Need will be for technology
  - Silent Auction – has a list of suggested donation items/retailers, working on SignUp Genius/Google Doc to share with everyone
- Box Tops – Erin Killion
  - Ordering boxes for each family to put on counter (sponsored) – “Clipper Tree wants you to Clip your BoxTops”
  - Turn in day will be Dress Out Day for St. Patrick’s Center – start in September
  - Will create school goal with thermometer and fill in progress – with treat at end of year for whole school (Freezer pops?)
  - End of year prize for family who turns in most box tops all year
  - Cheryl Brown suggested publicizing use of BoxTops dollars (i.e. playground equipment)
- Tom Albus – spoke on behalf of Men’s Club that is trying to revamp/re-energize
  - Golf tournament usually funds 2 8<sup>th</sup> grade scholarships, anything they raise above that will go to Home & School

**President’s Report – Becky Lane**

- By-laws coming to your email soon – voting on in next meeting
- Dec. 8 meeting cancelled because of Immaculate Conception mass
- Becky shared a handout with all present with save the dates, etc.
- H&SA Meetings: Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, April 6, May 4
- Ice Cream social – help out if you can, keep ice cream in café, nametags for HASA

- Please help with auction
- Donut Sundays: October (promote auction) and April (promote spring festival)
- Need Spring Festival chairs

Jennifer Grimmer – Parish Council liaison to HASA – let her know if you need anything

### **Closing Prayer**

**Meeting called to a close at 8:42 pm**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, Sept. 8 at 7pm      **Prayer:** Yvette Pelikan

### ***Update: An email vote was proposed on August 14:***

We (HSB) funded an ice maker for the Teachers' Lounge which apparently has been life-changing for them. Unfortunately the lounge wiring requires an unforeseen upgrade to accommodate our gift and the existing coffeemaker. Because the ice maker was our doing, I feel responsible for the electrical upgrade. And, honestly, I'd feel terrible if the school budget had to cut short any Continuing Ed or children's activities in order to pay for the electric issues. I am proposing HSB covers a one time upgrade to the electric system in the Teachers' Lounge which will cost around \$1,100. Can we get an online yay or nay vote for up to \$1,500 (knowing we shouldn't need that but to avoid another vote just in case.)?

Vote passed with a quorum of 8 HASA officers and 28 Board members.